CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A system for a distributed application wherein said framework is capable of accepting a communication, comprising:

a controller operable to accept the communication and provide the communication to a model;

the model operable to perform processing of the request and to determine a page to be rendered;

the page operable to provide a response based on the request; and

wherein the page belongs to a page group.

2.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

the page can be the target of an action method; and

wherein the page can raise an action method.

3.   The system of claim 2 wherein:

an action method can implement code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

4.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

a page group can control page flow between pages and other page groups.

5.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

a page group can include application logic that is separate from a logic related to rendering a graphical user interface.

6.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

the page group can be nested within another page group.

7.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

the page group maintains the state of the pages in the group.

8.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

the page group is a set of functionally related pages.

9.   The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a global page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.

10.   The system of claim 1 wherein:

the page can be bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the page group by a web browser or other client.

11.   A system for a distributed application wherein said framework is capable of accepting a communication, comprising:

a controller operable to accept the communication and provide the communication to a model;

the model operable to perform processing of the request and to determine a page to be rendered;

the page operable to provide a response based on the request;

wherein the page can be the target of an action method; and

wherein the page can raise an action method.

12.   The system of claim 11 wherein:

an action method can implement code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

13.   The system of claim 11 wherein:

wherein the page belongs to a page group.

14.   The system of claim 13 wherein:

a page group can control page flow between pages and other page groups.

15.   The system of claim 13 wherein:

a page group can include application logic that is separate from a logic related to rendering a graphical user interface.

16.   The system of claim 13 wherein:

the page group can be nested within another page group.

17.   The system of claim 13 wherein:

the page group maintains the state of the pages in the group.

18.   The system of claim 13 wherein:

the page group is a set of functionally related pages.

19.   The system of claim 11, further comprising:

a global page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.

20.   The system of claim 11 wherein:

the page can be bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the page group by a web browser or other client.

21.   A method for accepting a communication, comprising:

providing the communication to a controller;

associating a model with said communication;

determining a state of the model based on said communication;

providing a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a page in a page group.

22.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

the page can be the target of an action method; and

wherein the page can raise an action method.

23.   The method of claim 22 wherein:

an action method can implement code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

24.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

a page group can control page flow between pages and other page groups.

25.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

a page group can include application logic that is separate from a logic related to rendering a graphical user interface.

26.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

the page group can be nested within another page group.

27.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

the page group maintains the state of the pages in the group.

28.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

the page group is a set of functionally related pages.

29.   The method of claim 21, further comprising:

a global page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.

30.   The method of claim 21 wherein:

the page can be bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the page group by a web browser or other client.

31.   A method for accepting a communication, comprising:

provided the communication to a controller;

associating a model with said communication;

determining a state of the model based on said communication;

providing a view based on the state of the model;

wherein the view is a page in a page group;

wherein the page can be the target of an action method; and

wherein the page can raise an action method.

32.   The method of claim 31 wherein:

an action method can implement code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

33.   The method of claim 31 wherein:

a page group can control page flow between pages and other page groups.

34.   The method of claim 31 wherein:

a page group can include application logic that is separate from a logic related to rendering a graphical user interface.

35.   The method of claim 31 wherein:

the page group can be nested within another page group.

36.   The method of claim 31 wherein:

the page group maintains the state of the pages in the group.

37.   The method of claim 31 wherein:

the page group is a set of functionally related pages.

38.   The method of claim 31, further comprising:

a global page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.

39. The method of claim 31 wherein:

the page can be bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the page group by a web browser or other client.

40. A system comprising:

a means for providing a communication to a controller;

a means for associating a model with said communication;

a means for determining a state of the model based on said communication;

a means for providing a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a page in a page group.

41. A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium, comprising:

a code segment including instructions to provide a communication to a controller;

a code segment including instructions to associate a model with said communication;

a code segment including instructions to determine a state of the model based on said communication;

a code segment including instructions to provide a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a page in a page group.

42. A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

provide a communication to a controller;

associate a model with said communication;

determine a state of the model based on said communication;

provide a view based on the state of the model; and

wherein the view is a page in a page group.

43.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

the page can be the target of an action method; and

wherein the page can raise an action method.

44.   The machine readable medium of claim 43 wherein:

an action method can implement code that can results in website navigation, passing data, and/or invoking back-end business logic.

45.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

a page group can control page flow between pages and other page groups.

46.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

a page group can include application logic that is separate from a logic related to rendering a graphical user interface.

47.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

the page group can be nested within another page group.

48.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

the page group maintains the state of the pages in the group.

49.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

the page group is a set of functionally related pages.

50   The machine readable medium of claim 42, further comprising:

a global page group to provide fallback action methods for the page.

51.   The machine readable medium of claim 42 wherein:

the page can be bound to a form; and

wherein the form encapsulates data that was posted to the page group by a

web browser or other client.